AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (twice amended) A mixture comprising at least one compound of the

formula (I)

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$$C_2H_4$$
- CN

$$N=N$$

$$(CH_2)_n$$

$$A$$

where R^1 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, halogen, or C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy,

n is 1 or 2, and the

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ring A is optionally substituted with C₁-C₄-alkyl or halogen,

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and at least one compound of the formula (II)

$$O_2N$$
 NO_2
 $N=N$
 $N=N$
 NR^3R^4
 $N+COR^5$

where X is halogen, or CN,

R² and R⁵ are independently hydrogen or C₁ -C₄ -alkyl, and

 R^3 and R^4 are independently hydrogen, [optionally substituted C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or] C_2 - C_4 -alkyl, unsubstituted C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or a NC-substituted C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, H_5C_6 substituted C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy substituted C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or ROOC- substituted C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and wherein R is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 -alkyl.

- 2. The mixture of claim 1, comprising at least one compound of the formula (I) where the ring A does not bear any further substituents.
- 3. The mixture of claim 1, comprising at least one compound of the formula (I) where R^1 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 -alkyl.
- The mixture of claim 1, comprising at least one compound of the formula (I), where n is
 1, R¹ is hydrogen or methyl and the ring A is not further substituted.
- 5. The mixture of claim 1, comprising compounds of the formula (II) where X is halogen.

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7. The mixture of claim 1, comprising a compound of the formula (III), (IV) and/or (V)

$$N = N$$
 $N = N$
 $N =$

$$O_2N$$
 $N=N$
 $N=N$
 $N=N$
 $N=N$
 $N=N$
 $N=N$
 $N=N$

where X1 is halogen or CN,

X² is halogen, hydrogen, NO₂ or CN,

 R^6 is C_1 - C_4 -alkyl,

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R⁷ and R⁸ are independently hydrogen, unsubstituted or HO-, NC-, ROCO-, H₅C₆OCO-,

(C1 -C4 -alkyl)OOCO-, ROOC-, H5 C6 O-, H5 C6- and/or C1 -C4-alkoxy-substituted C1 -

 C_4 -alkyl and/or C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl, R being hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 -alkyl,

Y¹ and Y² are independently hydrogen or halogen,

 R^9 and R^{10} are independently hydrogen, unsubstituted or HO-, NC-, ROCO-, H_5C_6OCO - and/or C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy-substituted C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, R being as defined above, or C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl,

 R^{11} is C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, and R^{12} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy.

- 8. (Twice amended) The [mixtures] mixture of claim 1, comprising 1 to 99% by weight[, especially 1 to 80% by weight,] of at least one compound of the formula (I) and 1 to 99% by weight, [especially 20 to 99% by weight,] of at least one compound of the formula (II), based on total amount of dye.
- 9. A dye preparation comprising10 to 60% by weight of dye mixture according to claim 1, and40 to 90% by weight of dispersant.
- 10. (Once amended) A process for producing the dye preparation of [claim 8] claim 9, in which the individual dyes of the dye mixture of claim 1 are ground in water in the presence of a dispersant, then mixed and optionally dried or in which the dye mixture of claim 1 is ground in water in the presence of a dispersant and optionally dried.
- 11. A method for dyeing and printing hydrophobic synthetic materials or for mass coloration of hydrophobic synthetic materials in which the dye mixture of claim 1 is used.
- 12. The hydrophobic synthetic material dyed or printed with the dye mixture of claim 1.
- (Once amended) 13. The mixture of claim 1, comprising 1 to 80% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (I) and 20 to 99% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (II), based on total amount of dye.

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- (Once Amended) 14. A process for producing the dye preparation of claim 9, in which the individual dyes of the dye mixture are ground in water in the presence of a dispersant, then mixed and optionally dried or in which the dye mixture of is ground in water in the presence of a dispersant and optionally dried wherein the mixture comprises 1 to 99% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (I) and 1 to 99% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (II), based on total amount of dye.
- (Once Amended) 15. A process for producing the dye preparation of claim 9, in which the individual dyes of the dye mixture of are ground in water in the presence of a dispersant, then mixed and optionally dried or in which the dye mixture of is ground in water in the presence of a dispersant and optionally dried wherein the mixture comprises 1 to 80% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (I) and 20 to 99% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (II), based on total amount of dye.
- 16. The mixture of claim 1, comprising 5 to 60% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (I) and 40 to 95% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (II), based on total amount of dye.
- 17. The mixture of claim 1, comprising compounds of the formula (II) where

 R³ and R⁴ are independently C₂ -C₄ -alkenyl or unsubstituted C₁ -C₄ -alkyl.
- 18. The mixture of claim 16, comprising compounds of the formula (II) where

 R³ and R⁴ are independently C₂ -C₄ -alkenyl or unsubstituted C₁ -C₄ -alkyl.
- 19. A process for producing the dye preparation of claim 9, in which the individual dyes of the dye mixture of are ground in water in the presence of a dispersant, then mixed and

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optionally dried or in which the dye mixture of is ground in water in the presence of a dispersant and optionally dried wherein the mixture comprises 5 to 60% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (I) and 40 to 95% by weight of at least one compound of the formula (II), based on total amount of dye.

20. The process of claim 19, wherein R^3 and R^4 are independently C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl or unsubstituted C_1 - C_4 -alkyl.

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